

Tribal Listening Session and Consultation

Questions regarding a

National Early Detection Rapid Response Framework

The Department of the Interior is working with other members of the National Invasive Species Council to develop a national Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) framework that will build on existing programs to assist states and tribes in addressing the establishment, spread, and negative impacts of invasive species in natural areas. This will include a plan for creating an emergency response fund to increase the efficiency of interagency and inter-jurisdictional teams in preventing the establishment and spread of emerging invasive species in natural areas.

Your guidance will inform the development of the framework and funding plan, which will be submitted to the White House Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience on September 30.

We look forward to receiving your general advice and your specific responses to the questions below during the listening session to be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 via teleconference and the consultation to be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region Office in Bloomington, MN (details below).

You may also submit written comments to invasivespecies@ios.doi.gov (please include “Tribal Comment: EDRR” in the subject line of the email) or fax to (202) 208-4867 until August 25, 2015. Please also include your name and contact information.

We greatly value tribal input and participation in the development of the EDRR framework and would ask that you please provide a response to one or more of the following questions:

General Questions:

1. Does your Tribe or Tribal Commission have EDRR abilities, protocols, or plans to halt the establishment of emerging invasive species on tribal or co-managed lands?
 - If so, please describe.
 - If not, do you think that this is an important set of abilities to have? What would be needed to do so?
2. Has your Tribe or Tribal Commission collaborated with other tribes, federal, and/or non-federal entities across tribal and non-tribal lands and/or waters to address emerging invasive species that are not yet widespread?
 - If so, please describe what worked well and what could have been improved.
3. Which emerging invasive species that are not yet widespread on tribal or co-managed lands are of concern to you? (Please rank from high to low if there is more than one species of concern.)

4. How might a national EDRR framework support and add value to tribal EDRR efforts (if they exist)?

Emerging Recommendations: Four themes are emerging as the focus of potential recommendations.

Coordination

5. What mechanisms for coordination on invasive species exist now among tribes and with federal agencies, regions, and states?
 - If none, what type of mechanism could be beneficial to establish in the future?
 - What should be the roles of that mechanism?

Authorities and Policies

6. Are there improvements or clarifications of federal authorities or policies that would improve your ability to work with federal agencies in implementing EDRR on tribal or co-managed lands?

Funding

7. What efficient mechanisms are in place to transfer funds between federal and tribal governments for invasive species activities?

Capabilities and Capacity

8. What capabilities and capacities should be incorporated into the EDRR framework to enhance the efforts of tribes?
9. What information, knowledge, and abilities do tribes offer that can contribute to the EDRR work of federal agencies?

Other

10. Are there other “big themes” for potential recommendations that are missing?

Federal, State, and Tribal Roles in Early Detection and Rapid Response:

11. Does the table of Federal, State, and Tribal Roles in Early Detection and Rapid Response (see summary document, pg. 7) accurately describe appropriate roles as you see them? What changes, if any, would you recommend?

Listening Session and Consultation Details (pg. 3)

Date	Time	Location
<u>Listening Session</u>		
Tuesday, August 11, 2015	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EST)	By teleconference only 1-877-891-6970 Passcode: 6048002
<u>Consultation</u>		
Thursday, August 13, 2015	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)	In person only Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region Office 5600 W. American Blvd., Suite 500 Bloomington, MN 55437